

October 4, 1939

Mr. C. C. Feltner,  
Superintendent Water Division Four,  
Pinedale, Wyoming.

Dear Sir:

REL: BURNTFORK DISTRIBUTION

This will acknowledge receipt of your letter of September 28, in which you set out some of the difficulties resulting from your efforts in making distribution of water rights rising in Utah, but being used in Wyoming, particularly on the Burntfork - a tributary of Henry's Fork.

This is an old story, as you will find as time goes on. I think perhaps that I have made as great an effort to settle this matter as any one thing occurring during my office tenure, but without any great success due to the old problem - interstate stream. I had Mr. Jensen arrested but did not get any great support in his prosecution either from the Wyoming or the Utah people. The file in this office is a voluminous one relating this and other Burntfork matters. When you are in Salt Lake, therefore, I would be glad to have you call, first for the purpose of making your acquaintance, and second for the purpose of discussing this matter with you after you will have read the file and become better acquainted with the history of the Burntfork difficulties - not only with Jensen, but with others.

It has been my experience, both on interstate streams of Utah-Idaho and Utah-Wyoming, that Commissioners appointed by the respective states for an interstate-stream distribution, get on better than does a Commissioner acting for two states. That has been particularly true on Burntfork and also on the Bear river, both in Wyoming and in Idaho. I will be glad, however, to talk this thing through with you when you come down.

I have met your State Engineer several times and feel, as do the other Western states engineers, that he is capable and particularly practical.

Yours very truly,

T. H. Humpherys  
STATE ENGINEER

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